

Listing of Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings:

1. (Currently Amended): An automotive airbag device comprising:
a side impact airbag having an interior formed by joining mutually facing fabric layers,
a gas generator used to inflate saidthe airbag by injecting gas therein, saidthe gas generator having an insertion end which is inserted into and disposed within a gas guide of the airbag configured to direct the flow of gas from saidthe gas generator into saidthe airbag,
the gas guide including a gas guide member having an attachment orifice into which saidthe insertion end of saidthe gas generator is inserted, and also including gas injection nozzles facing the interior of saidthe airbag, and
a convex seam formed by a mutually joined part of saidthe fabric layers, a top of saidthe convex seam disposed in opposition to and facing said the gas guide member, wherein
saidthe gas flowing into saidthe airbag from saidthe gas generator, when saidthe airbag is being inflated, causes saidthe gas guide member to come into contact with at least the top ofsaid the convex seam.

2. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 1, wherein saidthe gas guide member includes a gas discharge tube which includes saidthe gas injection nozzles, and saidthe gas discharge tube comes into contact with at leastsaid the top ofthe convex seam in response to the inflation of saidthe airbag so as

to change the direction of gas flow into saidthe airbag from saidthe gas generator through saidthe gas guide member.

3. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 1, wherein at least one gas injection nozzle of saidthe gas guide member is formed over each side of a protrusionthe top of saidthe convex seam.

4. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 3, wherein saidthe convex seam is approximately triangular in shape and saidthe protrusion- top of the convex seam thereof is disposed facing saidthe gas guide member in close proximity.

5. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 4, wherein a region of saidthe gas discharge tube between saidthe gas discharge- injection nozzles comes into contact with and straddles two inclined sides of saidthe protrusion- the top of saidthe convex seam during the time that saidthe airbag is being inflated.

6. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 2, wherein the width of saidthe convex seam facing saidthe gas guide member is from 80 to 120% the width of saidthe gas discharge tube of saidthe gas guide member.

7. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the clearance between saidthe gas guide member and saidthe convex seam is less than 20mm.

8. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 1,
wherein ~~said~~the gas guide member is made from an expandable material.

9. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 8,
wherein the flow of gas through ~~said~~the gas guide member causes ~~said~~the member to
elongate, in a direction toward ~~said~~the convex seam, a distance at least 5mm greater
than a clearance therebetween.